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**Call to Aid for Victims of Typhoon Haiyan**

On November 8, 2013, Typhoon Haiyan, or Yolanda as dubbed by the residents in the Philippines, struck with unprecedented destruction and devastation. Winds with gusts of over 170 mph, record rainfall and waves over 45 feet tall have virtually destroyed cities and wiped out entire communities in the Leyte, Samar, Seyte and Oriental Mindoro provinces of the Philippines. The number of individuals feared to have been killed cannot be verified, but range from 2,500 up to 10,000, with hundreds of thousands displaced and in desperate need of food, clean water, medicine and shelter. With severe infrastructure damage, including harbors, airports, and roads, relief to the survivors has been slow.

The County of Los Angeles, with more than 10 million residents, must unite at this time to help victims of the typhoon obtain food, water, medicine and shelter to survive, and to assist them on the road to rebuilding and national recovery. The U.S. Office of Foreign Disaster Affairs has requested staff from the Los Angeles County Fire

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Department to travel to the Philippines to provide logistical support, and the Fire Department remains poised to respond to future requests, such as sending its Urban Search and Rescue Teams.

Residents of the County of Los Angeles can send financial assistance through the International Red Cross, or by visiting the website of the Philippine Consulate in Los Angeles, where several options are provided, such as the Philippine Red Cross and the Department of Social Welfare and Development.

**WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

Direct the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the Philippine Consul General in Los Angeles to express condolences on behalf of the citizens of Los Angeles County, for the devastating loss of life in the Philippines; and

Call on residents in Los Angeles County to donate to Philippine typhoon relief efforts through an organization of their choice, such as the International Red Cross, or visit the website of the Philippine Consulate in Los Angeles at [www.philippineconsulatela.org](http://www.philippineconsulatela.org) for a list of Philippine government-sanctioned organizations.

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